

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. - 4. (Canceled)
5. (Previously Presented) An isolated nucleic acid molecule comprising a nucleic acid sequence encoding a polypeptide comprising an amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of:
  - (a) a mature form of the amino acid sequence SEQ ID NO:14; and
  - (b) SEQ ID NO:14.
6. - 8. (Canceled)
9. (Previously Presented) An isolated nucleic acid molecule comprising a nucleotide sequence selected from the group consisting of:
  - (a) SEQ ID NO:13; and
  - (b) the complement of SEQ ID NO:13.
10. - 11. (Canceled)
12. (Original) A vector comprising the nucleic acid molecule of claim 5.
13. (Original) The vector of claim 12, further comprising a promoter operably-linked to said nucleic acid molecule.
14. (Original) A cell comprising the vector of claim 12.
15. - 38. (Canceled)

39. (Previously Presented) A composition comprising the nucleic acid molecule of claim 5 and a pharmaceutically-acceptable carrier.
40. - 41. (Canceled)
42. (Previously Presented) A kit comprising in one or more containers, the composition of claim 39.
43. - 49. (Canceled)
50. (Previously Presented) An isolated nucleic acid molecule comprising the complement of the nucleic acid molecule of claim 5.
51. (Previously Presented) A variant of the isolated nucleic acid molecule of claim 5 wherein the amino acid residue at position 28 of SEQ ID NO: 14 is Asp or Gly.
52. (Previously Presented) A variant of the isolated nucleic acid molecule of claim 5 wherein the amino acid residue at position 64 of SEQ ID NO: 14 is Val or Ala.
53. (Previously Presented) A variant of the isolated nucleic acid molecule of claim 5 wherein the amino acid residue at position 76 of SEQ ID NO: 14 is Ala or Thr.
54. (Previously Presented) A vector comprising the nucleic acid molecule of claim 9.
55. (Previously Presented) The vector of claim 54, further comprising a promoter operably-linked to said nucleic acid molecule.
56. (Previously Presented) A cell comprising the vector of claim 54.
57. (Previously Presented) A variant of the isolated nucleic acid molecule of claim 9 wherein the nucleotide residue at position 117 of SEQ ID NO: 13 is A or G.

58. (Previously Presented) A variant of the isolated nucleic acid molecule of claim 9 wherein the nucleotide residue at position 225 of SEQ ID NO: 13 is T or C.
59. (Previously Presented) A variant of the isolated nucleic acid molecule of claim 9 wherein the nucleotide residue at position 260 of SEQ ID NO: 13 is G or A.
60. (Previously Presented) An isolated nucleic acid molecule comprising a nucleic acid sequence encoding a polypeptide comprising residues 371-830 of SEQ ID NO:14.
61. (Currently Amended) A variant of the isolated nucleic acid molecule of claim 5, wherein the variant comprises a nucleic acid sequence encoding an amino acid sequence that is at least ~~97%~~ 99% identical to the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:14.